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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 19TH, 1904.

The manner in which China has hitherto contrived to keep out of the difficulties created by the war has been no less gratifying than surprising. That it was to her own interest to preserve neutrality there could be no question, and that she should do so was equally to the interests of foreign nations. Had China been compelled to take a side—either one way or the other—wide-spread complications must inevitably have arisen; and there can be no doubt that every attempt was made by Russia to force the Chinese into what would have been a cardinal mistake on their part and would have worked admirably into the hands of that nation. The position of the Chinese was by no means an enviable one, and it must have required an unusual amount of tact and firmness on the part of the Central authorities to prevent some hasty action on the part of one or other of the local officials which might have dragged the Empire into hostilities. The difficulty was from the first apparent to all acquainted with the peculiar relations between the Imperial and Provincial authorities, and the trouble which the former have at all times to restrain outbursts of popular feeling. No doubt that these elements have at times been exaggerated, and have been made the excuse alike for wrongful action and equally wrongful inaction on many occasions. But that these difficulties do exist to a considerable extent there can be no doubt. The Provincial authorities, while nominally completely subservient to Peking,

are often prone to take action on their own initiative, and in times of pressure, there is always a danger of their getting out of hand; and the same want of subordination is to be found on occasion amongst the masses. Sir THOMAS WADE once observed that, although the Chinese appeared to be under the most absolute form of government, there was really no nation so democratic as China. With such a state of things to deal with, it must have been no easy task to hold the people in order; and the difficulty which thus existed was greatly increased by the fact that Russia was only too anxious from the first to draw China in, and as events progressed, this desire was rather increased than diminished—though later on, no doubt, Russia had cause to congratulate herself that her attempts to force the Chinese into declared hostility did not succeed. For this, however, she had to thank good fortune and well-advised firmness on the part of China rather than her own action. "Pinch their tails and they will fight" was what was said by a Russian Diplomatist referring to the Chinese shortly before the war broke out with Japan; and most certainly their tails were sufficiently pinched. The treatment they had received from the Russian soldiery was not likely to be readily forgotten by the people; and the officials might easily have fallen into the error of thinking that the opportunity of retaliation had arrived when Russia was face to face with an opponent such as Japan.

Fortunately China was level headed enough to see the advantage of remaining neutral. In a way she might fairly say: "A plague on both your houses." She had no love for either side—and her hope lay in awaiting the course of events, and getting the best terms she could from whichever side proved victorious. It must have become abundantly evident to her that she ran less danger from Japan obtaining a strong influence in Manchuria than from Russia continuing her *quasi* Protectorate, but real occupation of the country; and if Japan pushed the Russians back, she was after all only fighting the Chinese battle for them. Of course there was still the question of preventing the Japanese taking up an attitude which would menace the integrity of China. The fear of this had been from the first at the bottom of her easy yielding to Russian aggression; but in this respect the Chinese are shrewd enough to know that the influence of foreign nations would probably be sufficient to restrain Japan, while all past experience showed that it was not sufficient to restrain Russia. The wisdom of the course which was adopted cannot be doubted. Though the task was by no means an easy one, the Chinese have managed to escape the trap which in more ways than one was laid for them; and so averted a spread of complications which would have been far reaching in its effects. Had China been forced into the war, Russia would have had, what she manifestly desired, namely a ground on which she could drag other Powers in. It would have become almost impossible for other nations to remain neutral.

Capt. C. C. Macnamara, 1st Batt. Royal Irish Rifles, has been selected for service with the Chinese Regt. at Weihaiwei.

There was one fatal Chinese case of plague on Saturday. The victim died in a marsh at Tai-tan-kok, Stanley Health District.

An examination of candidates for certificates of competency as licensed Pilots will be held at the Harbour Office on Thursday next.

A bequest of £500 to the China Inland Mission was made by the late Mr. Hammond Chubb (for many years Secretary of the Bank of England).

Boxing Day (Monday, the 26th inst.) as well as Monday and Tuesday, the 2nd and 3rd Jan., will be observed as holidays in the Government Departments.

The Pollard Lilliputians are opening their Hongkong season on Saturday next (Christmas Eve) with the *Belle of New York*, instead of on the 23rd instant as previously announced.

The new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Palmyra and Apostolic Delegate in the Philippines (Dom Ambrose Agius) is coming out via America. The Archbishop is a British subject.

The *Widgeon*, shallow-draught steamer, recently built by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., was to be commissioned by Lieut. and Com. C. P. Metcalf for river service on the China Station, and to be manned by a crew taking passage to Hongkong in the *Hogue* cruiser, Capt. E. G. Shortland.

The *Sutlej* cruiser, was to be recommissioned at Portsmouth on November 19 with a Portsmouth crew for service on the China Station. It was generally believed in Portsmouth that a new rule limiting the duration of a ship's commission to two years will shortly come into force, and that the *Sutlej* would be the first ship included in the new arrangement.

The U.S.S. *Cullum* arrived from Canton yesterday afternoon.

The matter of having a Volunteer Band will be discussed next Friday. It will take some considerable time procuring instruments.

H.M.S. *Albatross* arrived from Shanghai on Saturday. On the way down she sighted and exploded a mine off Shantung Promontory.

The Rev. W. C. Erdman, of Philadelphia, last evening gave a lecture at the Y.M.C.A. on "The Results of Compromise." At 9 p.m. on the 21st inst., when ladies are in view, Mr. J. Dyer Ball will lecture on "Rhythm and Rhyme in Celestial Climes."

The left half of No. 2 Co., H.K.V.A., shot at Tsung Rang yesterday. The winners of spoils in "A" Class were Messrs. Frith and Kinnaird, and in "B" Class Messrs. T. P. Connolly and P. T. Lumble. The recruits are making excellent progress in marksmanship.

Mr. Edwin Mackintosh, of 77, Lanister-gate, W., and of Ickleford Manor, Hitchin, Herts., of the firms of John Swire and Sons and Butterfield and Swire, of 8, Billiter-square, E.C., and of Hongkong and Japan, merchants and shipowners, who died on August 11 last, left estate of the gross value of £254,359, the net personalty being sworn at £257,154.

At the Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. F. A. Hazledine, three Swedish sailors from the s.s. *Craigera* were each fined \$15 for assaulting a foreman and an Indian constable at the Western Market. A Filipino, who helped himself to some oranges from a Chinese stall in Bridges Street, and then assaulted the stallholder when he remonstrated, was sent to do 14 days' hard labour without the option.

The Mexican Government asked Congress on Nov. 17 for authority to carry out the scheme of monetary reform which they had determined upon. It is understood that the Government will close the mints to the free coinage of silver to private holders, but not for export purposes, and that the actual dollar will ultimately be worth one-half of the value of an American gold dollar. But the consumption of silver in Mexico will be the same as before.

The following companies, unless cause is shown to the contrary, will be struck off the register in three months' time:—The China Ginger Manufacturing Company, Limited; Ramie Fibre Company, Limited; Weihsai Mining Syndicate, Limited; Hongkong Marina, Limited; Stoney Gold Prospecting Company, Limited; Hongkong Building Materials Company, Limited; Heung Sing Steam-Boat Company, Limited.

It is notified in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* that His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—Ordinance No. 8 of 1904, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the "Wild Birds and Game Preservation Ordinance, 1885; Ordinance No. 9 of 1904, entitled—An Ordinance for the establishment of the Tung Wah Hospital to acquire, hold, mortgage and sell land and hereditaments in the Colony of Hongkong.

The United States Consul at Cienfuegos in a recent report points out that because of the enlistment of large numbers of Japanese working men in the armaments operating in Manchuria, many women are forced to sustain themselves by means of industrial work in their homes. This has created a large demand for the lighter kinds of machines which produce saleable commodities, and which can be manipulated by women. Sewing machines, knitting machines, and hand looms are reported to be in great request.

It is notified in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* that the rules for the holding of University of London examinations in the Colonies, for matriculation and for the degrees of B.A., B.A., LL.B. and B.Sc. have been amended. It is now required that the fees of intending candidates shall be forwarded with the application for this holding of the examination; and it is suggested that the attention of candidates be carefully drawn to the fact that Colonial candidates who withdraw after having entered, or who fail to present themselves for examinations, will be required to pay the full fee upon every re-entry.

The King of Siam has recently commissioned Messrs. Maple and Co. (Limited) to supply the furnishings of the Dusit Park Palace, Bangkok. The dining-room is in rich mahogany, the Council Chamber in fumed oak and brown morocco, the breakfast-room in oak, his Majesty's smoking-room in walnut and gold, with blue morocco, private sitting-room in rich satinwood inlaid in Sheraton style, and bedroom in white and powdered-gilt. The drawing-room is carried out in walnut and gold, while the curtains throughout are of richest silks and tullestries, and the carpets all Axminster pile specially woven in one piece.

The Canadian Commercial Agent in Yokohama (Mr. A. McLean) reports that the consumption in Japan of wire nails is increasing every year. In 1903 the quantity imported was 39,104,000 pounds, valued at 754,462 dols., mostly from the United States and Germany, whose manufacturers, it is believed, have an understanding as to prices. Great Britain does not send very many nails, only 473,000 odd pounds, but they are the best. Jobbers' prices in American nails range at present from 2.90 dols. per keg for 12 gauge, 2 1/2 inch, to 2.75 dols. for 5 gauge, 7 inch. This includes the duty of 25 cents per keg. Nails for the Japanese market should be packed in extra strong kegs, 134 pounds net, lined with pitch paper to protect against rust, which causes them to sell as damaged stock.

TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL NEWS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

HOOLEY ACQUITTED.

LONDON, 17th December.

The long trial of Ernest Terah Hooley and John Henry Lawson, charged with conspiring to defraud one A. J. Paine, is over, so far as Bow Street is concerned.

Hooley is acquitted. Lawson is sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment; but is at liberty pending a decision on the appeal which his counsel have lodged.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

CHAMBERLAIN REOPENS FISCAL CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, 16th December.

Mr. Chamberlain has re-opened his campaign. Addressing 4,000 working men at Limehouse he dealt especially on the advantages of his policy for the working classes, and said that it was impossible to maintain the protection of labour with the unrestricted imports of paupers and cheap foreign goods, made cheaper by artificial means; unless reform was adopted workers would have to accept lower wages or lose employment.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 16th December.

The late President Kruger's funeral was attended by a great concourse of Burghers. The service conducted by the leading Dutch Ministers was most impressive. The leading speaker declared that the Boers were loyal to the new flag which was a symbol of equality and freedom, but the nation must follow the lines of development which the late President Kruger had laid down.

THE WAR.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEETS.

LONDON, 15th December.

Admiral Rozhdestvenski's squadron arrived at Angra-Pequena on the 11th instant, and is reported to be coaling from colliers.

Reuter's correspondent at Aden wires that Admiral Falkersham's squadron is still at Jibuti awaiting the arrival of Admiral Btrowski's supplementary fleet.

LATER.

Admiral Falkersham's squadron has quitted Jibuti waters.

REFORM IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, 15th December.

The growth of the Liberal movement in Russia is daily becoming more manifest and the newspapers are outspokenly advocating far-reaching reforms, which meetings of the Students and the educated classes are emphatically demanding.

LODGE EASTERN SCOTIA.

INSTALLATION OF WOR. BRO. J. W. GRAHAM.

The installation ceremony of Lodge Eastern Scotia, No. 923 Scottish Constitution, Kowloon, took place at the Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, on Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. G. P. Jordan, District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China (Scottish Constitution). Bro. J. W. Graham was installed Worshipful Master in succession to Wor. Bro. C. F. Focken, Immediate Past Master. Wor. Bro. Graham invested his officers as follows:—Wor. Bro. H. B. Bridger, Deputy Master; Wor. Bro. W. E. Juck, Substitute Master; Bro. D. Harvey, Warden; Bro. C. Pittcock, Junior Warden; Wor. Bro. H. Horley, Secretary; Wor. Bro. W. E. Claret, Treasurer; Bro. J. Parkes, Organist; Bro. Tang Chea, Junior Deacon; Bro. McGlashan, Senior Deacon; Bro. G. W. Kynoch, Chaplain; Bro. J. Clelland, Inner Guard; Bro. R. Wilson, Director of Ceremonies; Bro. R. M. Matthey Steward; Bro. S. Smith, Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards held, in the customary manner, downstairs. The following were the toasts: The King and the Craft; The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; The District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China; Sister Lodges and Visitors; The Worshipful Master; Wives, Sisters, Daughters and Sweethearts of Masons; All poor and distressed Masons. A concert was held, Bro. Tyndale-Lea opening the programme with an overture. Those who contributed were Wor. Bros. J. A. Tarrant, J. L. Cotter, H. B. Bridger, and Bros. W. J. Russell, D. Harvey, Caesar, Thwaites and Townsend.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 18th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has fallen moderately at all stations. The depression in northern Japan has passed to the eastward into the Pacific. Gradients are steep upon all the coasts of China and strong N.E. monsoon may be expected both in the Formosa Channel and the northern part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh to strong N.E. winds, fine.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., on Saturday distributed the prizes at St. Joseph's College. In addition to the pupils, several ladies and gentlemen were present. This was the first prize distribution since 1898. The proceedings commenced with a chorus of boys singing "Welcome to our Governor." A couple of recitations and a vocal duet followed. The singing was lusty.

In the report it was stated that the Code had been altered, the present one coming into effect in June. It gave greater latitude than the former code, as the framing of a syllabus remained in the hands of the heads of an institution provided he submitted it to the Inspector of Schools. It also entrusted the head masters with the promotion of the pupils from a lower to a higher standard. The report of the Inspector of Schools was flattering in many instances, though it pointed out the great difficulty of a marked success in the institution owing to the many classes of boys frequenting the school. They comprised almost every nationality and every creed. During the year there was an average attendance of 247, and the school secured the highest grant obtainable according to the new Code. In the Oxford University Local Examinations the College presented six boys in the Senior division and one in the Junior. The former six came out successful, one having first class with honours, but the Junior failed. Out of four in the preliminary section three were successful. Two of the boys who passed the Senior division had gone to London to pursue their University studies. It was noticeable the boys in the Colony were rather ashamed to speak or show themselves in public; to combat this defect a stage, where a certain number of boys had to appear at the end of each term, had been erected. The system of weekly reports continued to be a great source of emulation, and it was gratifying to see that most of the parents took a great interest in them. Other great means of emulation were the monthly and quarterly examinations, the results of which were sent to the boys' parents. The pupils continued to take a great interest in military drill, but unfortunately the master was changed so often that it was rather difficult to arrive at any kind of perfection. Cricket seemed to be the favourite sport of the majority. A football team had been organised so as to participate in the Hongkong Schools' Football League Competition; but owing to the limited space in the school's play-ground the boys could hardly become very proficient. There were prospects, however, of having the grounds enlarged in the direction of Glenclay Ravine. The boys took a great interest in the Hongkong Schools' Athletic Sports, and usually carried off a very high percentage of the prizes. They had to tender their sincerest thanks to H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., for so kindly coming to distribute the prizes and for having so graciously headed the list of many prize donors; also to H.E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., Sir Gerard Noel, Vice Admiral, and Messrs. C. R. Scott, W. Brewer & Co., E. Niedhardt, J. Machado, Shing Kew, V. H. Deacon, R. Shewan, E. A. Hewitt, A. G. Romano (Consul for Portugal), R. F. Soares, F. de Sa, Ullmann & Co., E. Danenberg, J. J. Leiria (Vice-Consul for Portugal), Ho Tung, Ahmet Kurnajahn, M. Noma (Consul for Japan), C. J. Gonzales, F. Soares, and others for their having so generously contributed to the prize fund.

The boys then sang a chorus. H.E. the GOVERNOR, after distributing the prizes, addressing the boys, said that he had very great pleasure in giving away the prizes, many of which had been earned by diligence. The boys were going to spend their holidays, and he wished them a good time. He hoped that when studies were resumed they would strive to do even better than before. When they went into the bigger world they should show their gratitude to the good Brothers, who spent their lives in teaching them, by becoming good men. Addressing the Rev. Brothers and visitors present, His Excellency said that special attention should be paid to training the boys to be clean in mind so that when they grew up they would become a credit to themselves, the school, and the Colony. Training without education lost much good, and education without training might be mischievous. The report showed how successful the good Brothers were in educating the boys. Regarding the difficulties on account of the boys belonging to different nationalities and creeds, it seemed to him that the difficulty could be overcome by making the training in the boyver classes more perfect. The boys should not be advanced into the higher classes till they had made themselves thoroughly efficient in the lower grades. He had seen it stated in the local press that he took a great interest in education. He did not see how it was possible for any Government to do otherwise, and therefore no Governor could help but be interested in that matter. The schoolboys of to-day made the citizens of to-morrow.

The proceedings concluded with a farpe entitled "Jack of all Trades," which was creditably performed by the boys.

THE PRIZE LIST.

First Standard.—R. C. Sales, general proficiency; D. P. Cooper, and J. H. Pearson, reading; P. Dionicio and A. Rodrigues, arithmetic; Wong Chin Min, and Kwak Min, dictation; Gam Dong and E. Abraham, penmanship; S. Marcal and Kwak Quito Chin, Christian doctrine.

Second Standard.—R. Ribeiro, and J. Echevaria, Christian doctrine; G. Pepper, reading; F. Gochuico, reading and geography; J. Valles, and H. Pereira, dictation; J. Rosario, and B. Veloso, arithmetic; Ng Ter Hon, geography and general proficiency; Tom Pak Hon, and Dai Wun War, penmanship.

Third Standard.—D. Rosario, general proficiency and Christian doctrine; A. Baptista, Christian doctrine; Tong Lung and Misaki, arithmetic; J. Logan and M. Gochuico, penmanship; J. Yau Loy and P. Rosario, geography; P. M. Matha and A. P. Castro, English.

Fourth Standard.—Gin Shun, general proficiency and geography; P. O. Luis and J. Thwan, penmanship; M. Nomaze, English; J. Asensio, English and mathematics; J. Souza, geography; J. Silva and A. Couzaves, Christian doctrine; J. Ruegg and F. Lopes, history; J. Martin, mathematics.

Fifth Standard.—E. O. Luis, Christian doctrine; R. Taylor, English; J. Heosensly, English and geography; Pang Si King and M. Pizarro, mathematics; L. Yapanita, history and geography; R. Yanguas and P. Neves, penmanship; L. Sequiera, general proficiency, Christian doctrine, and history.

Sixth Standard.—Loureiro, general proficiency, geography, shorthand; Tani Yan San, mathematics, religious knowledge and geography; Filomeno Ozorio, English and history; A. Vidal, English; L. Laurel, history; Francisco Ozorio, mathematics and shorthand; J. Rev, religious knowledge; F. Carneiro, penmanship; E. Antonio, penmanship.

Seventh Standard.—F. Vida, mathematics, religious knowledge and geography; F. Brown, English and religious knowledge; F. de Sa, shorthand; J. White, English, geography and mathematics; J. N. J. Ezra, mathematics, geography and book-keeping; A. Calnan, and Carlos Lopes, vocal music.

EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT.
The entertainment in the evening took the form of a recreative soiree, and the schoolroom was well filled with an appreciative audience. Selections by a well trained orchestra, songs (sentimental and comic), recitations, and violin and banjo solos supplied the various tastes of the audience, as was evidenced by the rounds of applause following each item. The performances concluded with the laughable farce "Jack of all Trades" in which were portrayed the characters of the fond father and the fickle-minded son, the sharp barterer, the valet and the gardener. The performance showed the inclinations of the son to be as changeable as a weathercock. Some of his freaks were as laughable as Don Quixote's. It was not till his father threatened to disinherit him that he could be brought to his senses. The threat had the desired effect, and the son repented of his wilful ways with the falling of the curtain, which brought a very pleasant performance to a close.

BOWLING.

HONGKONG CLUB v. CLUB GERMANIA.

The first half of the Bowling Competition between the Hongkong Club and Club Germania for the new Challenge Cup was played on Saturday. It resulted in the Hongkong Club getting a lead by 212 points. Scores were as follows:—

In the German alleys—			
England	Germany		
E. H. Hinds	714	F. Ebbius	711
C. H. Gale	657	C. Koch	816
H. Hancock	737	E. Nicolai	719
I. Hooper	717	J. Mueller	783
	2845		3029

In the English alleys—			
England	Germany		
F. Maitland	625	A. Rombach	672
T. C. Gray	727	E. Vollbrecht	543
C. P. Chater	700	A. Thiessen	563
J. W. C. Bonner	672	I. Thun	530
	2744		2308

The competition will be concluded to-day.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

YESTERDAY'S SAIL—THE FIFTH CLUB RACE.
The fifth Club Race was sailed yesterday over course No. 21 (twelve miles) and resulted as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS.			
Yacht	H.	M.	S.
Dione	5	40	30
Elaph	5	46	5
Alvan	5	58	25
Vernon	5	10	50

ONE-DESIGN CLASS.			
Yacht	H.	M.	S.
Kathleen	5	35	40
Min	5	32	10
Colleen	5	58	55
Bonito	5	51	17
Erica	5	51	17
			did not finish

HANDICAP CLASS.			
Yacht	H.	M.	S.
Alannah	5	40	30
Doreen	5	36	3
Chanticleer	5	42	45
Payne	5	53	45
Gloria	5	51	15
Iris	5	55	50

There are 1,000 American teachers in the Philippines centred in 338 larger towns out of the 934 towns in the entire archipelago. Two thousand primary schools are in operation, and they employ the services of 3,000 native teachers. The inhabitants there are the only Oriental people who have accepted Christianity and shown aspirations toward civil liberty. It is a good material for Western educational methods to work on, shows good progress so far, and with better still in prospect as the years go on.

SUPREME COURT.

Saturday, 17th December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. T. SERCOMBE
SMITH (POISON JUDGE.)

NG HAM CHEUNG v. JENSEN AND CO.

The plaintiff, represented by Mr. H. W. Bailey, claimed \$1,000, being damages for breach of contract. Mr. H. W. Looker (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) appeared for the defence.

Mr. Bailey stated that the claim originally was for \$1,267.55, reduced to \$1,000 so as to come within summary jurisdiction. On the 19th September the plaintiff entered into a contract with the defendants for the supply of fifty tons of Hamburg horse shoes at \$2.80 per pair. These horse shoes were actually in the defendants' possession at the time and were to be supplied within one month from the date of the contract. The plaintiff mentioned to the broker arranging the contract that the horse shoes were for shipment. A few days later the plaintiff, through his agent at Newchwang, resold the shoes at 11s. 3 pence 8 per pair. Subsequently the plaintiff heard that the shoes had been sold by defendants to a third party, and plaintiff wrote to the defendants asking for delivery of the shoes. Defendants replied that they could not do so then as the people from whom defendants purchased had not delivered them. That was at the end of October or the beginning of November, well after the month had expired. He submitted a letter from the plaintiff's agent at Newchwang in support of the contention that a sub-contract was made. He did not produce the contract, as he understood that the defendants' solicitor admitted the letter.

Mr. Looker said that though he admitted the letter, he did not admit the legal import of it.

Mr. Bailey said that on the understanding that the letter was admitted the plaintiff had not gone to the expense of sending to Newchwang for the witnesses.

His Honour, to allow the plaintiff to get further evidence from Newchwang, adjourned the case for six weeks.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE CALENDAR.

The December Criminal Sessions open before Sir H. S. Berkeley (Chief Justice), this morning. The charges are as follows:—

Chan Shing Hing—(1) demanding money with menaces, (2) riot, (3) unlawful assembling. Ho Tak and Lok Wing—(1) armed robbery, (2) armed robbery, (3) assault.

Chan Lam—indecent assault and other charges. Lan Tam, Yeung Lam Tze, and Yeung San—(1) armed robbery, (2) malicious wounding. Charles Smith, Erik Hogman and William Nason.

VOLUNTEER SHAM FIGHT.

As arranged, a land attack between the Hongkong Volunteers and the Volunteer troops took place last Saturday. The Volunteers were under the command of Major Chapman, who was assisted by Captains Macdonald and Ordish, and Lieuts. Lamert, Northcote, Macdonald and Scott, while the troops were commanded by Major Pritchard and Lieutenant Gresson. The arrangement for the manoeuvre was that the troops should be in possession of the Northern hills from Aberdeen. The Volunteers were to effect a landing and try to capture their position. At three o'clock the dismounted men left Murray Pier by launch. On arrival at Telegraph Bay orders were given the warriors to lie down in the launch so as not to be perceived by the enemy. The launch was directed to Waterfall Bay, where the attackers landed and divided into two parties, one detachment of 14 men under the command of Major Chapman, and another by Captain Ordish and Lieut. Macdonald and Lamert. This detachment landed at the Eastern end of the bay. The second detachment of 12 men was commanded by Captain Macdonald and officered by Lieuts. Northcote and Scott. They effected a landing on the North side of the bay. The attackers, in ambush, got well into the enemy's country without detection. Major Chapman then divided his men into two divisions, he and Lieutenant Macdonald taking charge of the first, while Captain Ordish and Lieut. Lamert commanded the second. Major Chapman and his men trekked to the North of Pokfulam Road, and Captain Ordish moved his men to the East. On reaching Jubilee Road, two of the enemy were sighted on horseback. They were quickly surrounded and taken prisoners. After climbing for two hours the divisions met near the Chinese Cemetery. Here two of the enemy were noticed coming along at a gallop. The attackers, in ambush, greeted them with a volley and took them prisoners. A further two of the enemy, approaching from Aberdeen, fell into an ambush carefully prepared by Captain Macdonald, and surrendered. At about 5.30 p.m. the contesting armies withdrew from the field of battle, and marching to Pokfulam Road, were met by H.E. the Governor, accompanied by his A.D.C. His Excellency expressed himself as well pleased with the way in which the attack had been planned and carried out, after which he headed the troops in their homeward march.

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CRICKET.

HONGKONG RESERVES V. A.O.D.

This match was played on the Hongkong ground on Saturday, the result being a draw. The batsmen who made the top scores for the Reserves were, F. H. Kew, 78, A. C. Butt, 36, and C. A. Falloon, 18, while Skinner for the A.O.D. knocked up 31 and Edwards 21. Of the wickets taken by the Reserves, Morrill scattered four, Mackay three, and Butt 2. For the A.O.D. Bradford took two wickets, Doran two, and Edwards one. Scores stand:—

H.K.C.C.		
V. de Paris, b Bradford	4	
F. H. Kew, b Doran	78	
C. A. Falloon, b Bradford	18	
E. A. Fowler, c A. D. Doran	3	
E. A. Fowler, R.N., not out	6	
A. C. Butt, R.M.L.I., c Doran, b Edwards	36	
Extras	12	

Total 167
H. Mackenzie, F. H. Morrill, H. G. E. Bailey, C. H. Mackay and R. Olver did not bat.

A.O.D.		
Capt. Davis, b Mackay	0	
Sergeant Major Webb, b Morrill	0	
Sergeant Skinner, c Falloon, b Butt	31	
Sergeant Ogden, b Mackay	0	
Gunner Edwards, b Morrill	21	
Corporal Bradford, b Morrill	2	
Corporal McGibbon, c De Paris, b Mackay	11	
Staff Sergeant Hatwell, b Morrill	6	
Lieutenant Doran, not out	4	
Corporal Egrove, c Fowler, b Butt	4	
Pt. Griffiths, not out	15	
Extras	15	

Total 97
BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H.K.C.C.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davis	12.4	4	38	2
Bradford	7	1	4	2
Skinner	7	1	27	1
Edwards	3	1	16	2
Total	30	4	85	7

KOWLOON V. POLICE.

This match ended in an easy win for Kowloon by 82 runs and nine wickets. The batsmen who put up the score for the victors were, Lightfoot, 96, Dobbyn 42, Lumsden, not out, 10. Edwards was the Police bowler who eventually took the two wickets. For the Police, Kent, not out, 23, and Edwards 18, were the top scorers. Six of their wickets fell before the bowling of Hertton, while Lumsden was responsible for the loss of another three. The scores were:—

KOWLOON.		
Lightfoot, b Edwards	96	
Dobbyn, c Kent, b Edwards	42	
Lumsden, not out	10	
Extras	8	

Total 156
Swan, Hertton, Robinson, Clelland, Goldring, Lapsley, Maxfield, Lewis, and Scott-Cruston, did not bat.

POLICE.

Winter, b Hertton	5	
Lander, b Lumsden	0	
Badeley, c Edwards	0	
Edwards, c Maxfield, b Hertton	18	
Shaw, c Lapsley, b Hertton	0	
Halford, b Hertton	4	
Langley, b Lumsden	8	
Kent, not out	23	
Pitt, b Lumsden	0	
Deveney, b Hertton	1	
Kerr, b Hertton	2	
Extras	12	

Total 74

CIVIL SERVICE V. CRAIGENGOWERS.

This match was won by the Craigengowers by 19 runs and two wickets. For the Civil Service, Lambie 32, Atkinson 23, and Wittell 18, were the highest scorers. Lamert took five of their wickets, while Ford scattered four. Rose 59, and Brown 23 runs, were useful scores for the Craigengowers. Three of their batsmen were victims to Lambie's bowling, two to Weaver's, two to Jackman's, and one wicket was taken by Robin. Scores were as follows:—

CIVIL SERVICE.		
Lambie, c Asger, b Lamert	32	
Raven, b Ford	6	
Wittell, c Brown, b Lamert	18	
Atkinson, c Stuart, b Lamert	23	
Jackman, run out	1	
Weaver, c Rose, b Ford	2	
Brett, c Kinneir, b Lamert	4	
Gidley, c Kinneir, b Lamert	2	
Craig, b b Ford	0	
Robins, b Ford	0	
Woolley, not out	0	
Extras	14	

Total 102

CRAIGENGOWERS.

Kinneir, c Robins, b Lambie	6	
Lambie, c Wittell, b Lambie	10	
Rose, b Lambie	4	
Brown, c Wittell, b Jackman	23	
Stuart, run out	0	
Rose, b b Weaver	59	
Asger, not out	3	
Basa, c Wittell, b Jackman	12	
Glyn, st Robins, b Weaver	0	
Extras	4	

Total 121

FORD AND LOPES DID NOT BAT.

RAW SILK PRODUCTION IN SZECH'UAN.

In his report on the Province of Szech'uan H.M. Consul-General at Chungking (Mr. A. Hosie) gives the following summary of the quantity and value of raw silk produced in that province:—

Kind of Silk	Weight in Piculs	Lbs.	Value in Taels
Thin yellow	1,489,000	6,550	2,903,000
Stout yellow	36,200,000	22,625	3,016,000
Stout white	1,650,000	7,912.5	1,550,000

59,349,000 37,487.5 4,469,000 13,569,000

10 percent for extras and commissions, 5,504,000 3,768.7 404,500 1,365,930

Total 64,853,000 40,796 3,450,500 15,025,330

In explanation of the figures in the table, Mr. Hosie writes:—"The figures set down against each area represent the minimum output."

In each case there is an excess, but the exact amount thereof is unobtainable. I have thought it advisable, therefore, to add 10 per cent. for this excess as well as for trifling omissions, and the total may be taken to be as near the actual output as it is possible to make it."

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. V. H.M.S. "TAMAR."

Played at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. The number of onlookers was not very numerous, but a goodly sprinkling of blue-jackets and soldiers lined the ropes. The Hongkong skipper won the toss, and elected to open from the western end, having the sun behind. Watkins started the ball for the Tamar, who were playing in green shirts, and immediately led an attack upon the civilians' citadel. The Club had started with but nine men, and just as their strength had been augmented by a late arrival, Watkins took a pass close in to Crofton, who was officiating under the bar for the homesters, and notched a goal for the Naval men. The Club were playing with only one back, Morrill not having turned up. Off it is against Skipton brought relief to the civilians from another attack upon their stronghold. The Hongkong team were displaying lamely weak form, and combination was almost entirely absent. Watkins, the pivot of the Tamar quintette, was showing up prominently, and Leckie, at back, just robbed him when in the act of shooting. The first corner fell to the Club. Lung took the kick, and centred well, Williams bringing the scores level from a maul in front of the goal. The sailors again took up the running, and the Club frequently had difficulty in clearing their lines. Skipton next dropped a nice centre in front of the goal, obliging Crofton to run out to save. Play was then transferred to the other end, and an unproductive corner fell to the Club. The Naval left wing then got away, and Crofton saved in good style from Bidley. Immediately afterwards Watkins skimmed the crossbar with a beauty. Lung now raised the hopes of the civilian supporters by a good run down the right wing, but was dispossessed of the ball before he could get in the centre. Again Watkins got going, and with a hard volley close in shot just over, being cleared for the effort. Play now became very tedious and Hongkong were practically penned in their own half. Another corner to the Tamar, which, however, was cleared. From a break-away Williams, when in a likely position, put the ball outside the posts. The sailors then went away again, and Watkins put a second goal to his account with a neat header. The bustling methods of the naval halves did not seem to agree with the Club forwards, and they were knocked off the ball time after time. Jeffries next tried a shot at Crofton, but could only hit the post with a stinger. All signs of any dash in the home forward rank had now vanished, and the sailors were having matters all their own way, Watkins in particular playing well, and displaying good generalship. When the Club did get within shooting distance they betrayed a woeful ignorance of the geography of the net. The whistle sounded for half time with the score:—

H.K.F.C., 1; Tamar, 2.

On resuming the Club went off with a rush, but were soon forced back into their own territory. Seth, at half, was working hard, and showing good form. Their citadel now underwent a protracted siege, but at length it was raised and they forced a corner at the other end. The relief was only of short duration, however, and their goal was again in danger, but Keith placed behind. Watkins then put in a clever dribble, but in his final effort shot wide of the mark. Skipton shortly after doing likewise. The pressure was maintained, and Skipton slinging one across from the left wing. Watkins got his foot to it and put the Tamar three up with a day-enter with which Crofton had no chance. Hongkong now seemed completely demoralised, and were playing in very ragged style. Doran was the next to try a shot, but put outside. The naval backs were playing a sound game, and backing up their front line judiciously. Again Watkins was cheered for smart work, and after shooting wide, secured the ball from the goal kick, and put in one with plenty of powder behind it which, although Crofton touched, he could not stop. This was the fourth goal the centre had scored. Hongkong then roused themselves slightly, and compelled their opponents to concede a corner. Seth placed it well, but the sailors got it away in safety. The Tamar attacking again; Skipton put one right into Crofton's hands, and he was penalised for taking more than the legal number of paces in clearing. Wright took the free kick, but the ball touching no one in transit, although it found the net the score underwent no alteration. The Tamar now eased up, and the forwards indulged in a little gallery play. At length, after a corner to the home team had been disposed of, Skipton got through for the naval men, and added their fifth goal. In the closing stages of the game the Club got down, and Williams headed a goal for them, the final whistle shortly after sounding with the score standing:—

Hongkong Football Club, 2; Tamar, 5.

THE TEAMS WERE:—

H.K.F.C.—R. H. Crofton, goal; W. G. Leckie, back; Seth, E. Wynn, and N. A. Brown, halves; A. O. Lang, C. Humphreys, W. H. Williams (capt.), J. Clark, and W. B. Elwes, forwards.

Tamar.—Hobbs, goal; Wright and Taylor, backs; Brookman, Keith, and Bateman, halves; Denman, Ridley, Watkins, Jeffries, and Skipton, forwards.

COMMENTS.

It is a pity that the Hongkong Club, with so many players at their disposal, should be compelled to play short. There seems to be a serious loss somewhere, probably in the direction of the committee of selection. To say the least, it is bad form.

If they wish to go far in the Shield competition a radical rearrangement will be necessary. On Saturday the whole team with possibly one

or two exceptions, could do nothing right, and of any vestige of a mutual understanding there was none.

The defence was utterly inept, and broke down—even making allowance for Morrill's absence—time after time. The forwards were too prone to individual effort, Humphreys in particular being to blame in this respect.

Crofton in goal was weak, but made one or two good saves.

The Tamar halves were an admirable trio, and placed the ball nicely to their front men throughout the game. Bateman in particular was prominent.

In their forward line Watkins—known to his intimates as "Nigger"—was the shining light. He displayed good judgment in keeping his wings going, and knew when to shoot on his own account—as his tally of four goals testifies.

V.R.C. v. H.M.S. "GLORY."

The following were the competing teams:—V.R.C.: W. T. Thomson, goal; G. B. Macdonald and H. C. Austin, backs; E. Humphreys, J. Wittell and A. Loureiro, halves; H. W. Sayer, F. Forbes, H. H. Taylor, F. O. D. Davies and D. Clark, forwards.

H.M.S. "GLORY": Burton, goal; Cantril and Hadden, backs; Gettings, Wetton and Stanley, halves; Peters, Cornaby, Bell, Barker and Wodey, forwards.

This was a very evenly contested match, and good play was exhibited on both sides. The V.R.C. started off with a rush, and after passing the ball neatly along the field, an "off-side" was given to the Glory. The leather was then worked towards the V.R.C. goal, but by excellent passing it was returned to the other end of the field, and Taylor, the Club's centre forward, drove it into the net. A fresh start, and "the Naval men playing well together," worked the ball up to their opponents' goal. A scramble in front, Humphreys, a V.R.C. man, shot the ball into his own goal, thus equalising the play.

Half time: V.R.C., 1; Glory, 1.

In the second half each team played a steady game, there being very few breaks-away, and although the players worked from one goal to the other, no damage was done, until Bell of the Glory in an overhead shot, put it between the posts.

Result: Glory, 2; V.R.C., 1.

CHINA ASSOCIATION'S DINNER.

Under the presidency of Sir Thomas Jackson, a large number of financiers, merchants, and others having interests in the great Empire of the Far East assembled at the Hotel Metropole on 16th November on the occasion of the annual dinner of the China Association. Among those present were the Earl of Donoughmore, Under Secretary of State for War, General Sir G. T. Thomas, Major General Sir W. J. Gaseigne, Boyce, Major General Sir Cecil C. Smith, Sir Montagu O'Mannu, Sir H. Tanner, Sir Ewen Cameron, Sir J. Bramston, Captain W. Maed, Maturin, R.N., Sir W. T. Hely-Hutchinson, Sir W. Hood, Treasurer, Sir A. Dent, Sir W. C. Hillier, Sir Montagu C. Turner, Mr. H. Clay Evans, Colonel R. P. Nisbet, Mr. E. R. P. Moon, M.P., Mr. William Kewick, M.P., Mr. Kenzie B. Murray, Mr. R. S. Gundry, C.B., Mr. R. H. Boyce, Mr. C. P. Lucas, Mr. K. Takahashi, Mr. W. Adamson, and Mr. Byron Brean. After the loyal toasts, Sir A. Dent proposed: "The Imperial Forces of the Crown," and said that, so long as Japan was fighting for our common cause against the aggressions of Russia in China, we could only hope that our Army and other strategic centres of the Majesty's Dominions in the Far East were as well equipped and as ready as the Navy had recently proved itself to be to defend the Union Jack (cheers).

Rear Admiral Sir G. T. Boyce and General Sir Thomas E. Gordon responded.

In giving the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the China Association," the President said the Association was intimately bound up with what was going on in the Far East, and what was going to be the future of China must be uppermost in their minds. The war presented in many respects the same problems for the Japanese as were presented to us at the beginning of the Nineteenth century. We were then confronted by the great power of Napoleon, and had his genius been realised there would have been no room for us as a first-class power. We were able to frustrate his schemes through the supremacy of our sea-power (cheers). In those times the Russians were our sturdy allies, but now, as far as Eastern questions were concerned, their ways were not our ways (hear, hear). Our sympathies and our interests were with Japan (cheers). In all the pages of history he did not think there had been anything more noble than the Diplomacy of the Japanese in dealing with the great and to them vital questions which led up to this struggle. Their moderation, modesty, and great judgment were worthy of all admiration (cheers). They knew full well the awful task they had to tackle in going to war with Russia, and he was certain that none of their Statemen approached it with a light heart. As far as the China Association was concerned, they had to look forward to what would be the result of this war. The gallant Japanese had said that they were prepared to hand over Manchuria to him, and that in fighting for the church of China they were, in the first place, fighting for their own security, and afterwards for the good of the world in general. If their ideal was realised, and the great Empire of China was thrown open to commerce, without any restrictions in Manchuria—if Korea was thrown open and a few restrictions against foreigners in Japan were removed, a fine vista of trade was opened up to them in the Far East (hear, hear). He thought that the great trade with China was only in its infancy, since 68 millions sterling measured it now. If only the breath of patriotism were breathed into the great Empire, and the people would emulate in a small degree their gallant little neighbours, what should we not have ahead of us in China? Responding to the toast of "The Guest," given by Mr. Byron Brean, the Earl of Donoughmore said he was there in an entirely fraudulent position as a guest (laughter), as he could not forget he was a member of that Association (cheers). As a host, he could only hope that he would come again to the banquet, and as a guest he could assure himself that he would endeavour to do so (laughter). The Association had a great history in the past of usefulness and good work done, and he could not do more than express the hope that that work might be long continued (cheers). The last toast was that of "The Chairman," which was proposed by Mr. W. Kewick, M.P., and Sir Thomas Jackson, in reply, said that the great distinction which had been conferred upon the late Secretary of the Association, Mr. R. S. Gundry, was a source of much gratification to them all (cheers).

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BURNS'S FAMILY BIBLE.

An unusually interesting and valuable memento of Robert Burns, in the shape of the poet's Family Bible, was to be offered for sale at auction by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge on December 10. It is an imperfect copy of the Edinburgh edition, "John Reid, 1766." The pedigree of the Bible, which is now the property of Mrs. Sarah E. M. T. Burns Hutchinson, is very clear, and is thus summarized in the sale catalogue:—(1) It was willied by Jean (Armar) Burns to her eldest son Robert Burns; (2) a signed receipt is in existence of Robert Burns on receiving the book; (3) it passed into the possession of William Nicol Burns, the poet's second surviving son; and (4) it was given by the latter to the present owner, his niece, who lived with him.

But the pedigree is only a minor detail in connexion with the book, for it contains, on the reverse of the title of the New Testament, and in the handwriting of the poet, the following entries:—

"Robt. Burns was born at Alloway, in the Parish of Ayr, January 25th, 1759.
"Jean Armour, his wife, was born at Manclish, Febr'y, 27, 1767.
"Sept. 3rd, 1786, were born to them twins, Robert, their eldest son, at a quarter past noon, and Jean, since dead at fourteen months old.—March 3, 1788, were born to them twins again, two daughters, who died within a few days after their birth.—August 18, 1788, was born to them Francis Wallace, so named after Mrs. Dunlop of Dunlop; he was born at a quarter before seven, forenoon.—April 9th, 1791, between three and four in the morning, was born to them William Nicol, so named after William Nicol, of the High School, Edinburgh.—November 21st, 1792, at a quarter past noon, was born to them Elizabeth Riddel, so named after Mrs. Robert Riddel of Glenriddel."

This Bible, which is well known to Burns students, constitutes one of the most interesting souvenirs of the poet in existence, and one of the most desirable which has ever come under the hammer.

On the same day Messrs. Sotheby were to offer for sale one of the greatest rarities of the early printing press—a copy of a great Latin Psalter of Fast and Schaeffer, of 1450, printed upon vellum. This is the second Psalter from the press of the inventors of printing, and the press of the inventors of printing, and the third or fourth printed book with a date. It is supposed that only 20 copies were printed, at the expense of the Carthusian Monastery of St. James, outside Montz. So far only about 12 of these copies have been traced. That which was to appear at Sotheby's was discovered by Dr. Alois Berger in the library of Count Wilhelm von Westerholt-Gysenberg, in the Castle of Freienthura, near Klagenfurt, in Carinthia, and Dr. Berger contributed an account of the discovery to the *Centralblatt für Bibliothekswesen*, of February, 1887 (p. 321). It appears to have come into the Count's family on the dissolution of the monastery in 1781, the volume is generally in excellent condition, with its many interesting aspects, was sold about 20 years ago for £450.

ANOTHER CHINESE SQUEEZE STOPPED.

Upon the completion of a gaoi for culprits the other day by the Shanghai Municipal Authorities to take the place of the miserable squalid quarters, under the charge of an avaricious and relentless female gaoler, at the Mixed Court, the Magistrate of that tribunal was communicated with, asking that that Court for offences committed within the Municipal jurisdiction should be transferred to the new gaoi. The Magistrate appears to have refused his consent to the change, but Yuan Taotai of Shanghai is apparently much more amenable to reason, for we are informed, says the *N.-C. Daily News*, that, appealed to by the Senior Consul, he at once sent instructions to the Mixed Court to have the female culprits imprisoned there transferred to the new Municipal Gaol for women. It must be borne in mind that the female gaoler of a Chinese yamen is the possessor of a most lucrative billet, a portion of whose income it may be safe to assume she finds its way into higher quarters, so that under the circumstances there need be no surprise at the non-success of a first attempt to what would be the virtual abolition of a post like this. Of these unfortunate whose evil star had put them into the clutches of these female gaolers, there are well-authenticated cases where a victim, on showing inability, or perhaps obstinacy, in refusing to pay for the privilege and, comparatively speaking, luxury of being allowed to sleep on a bed of pine boards, has been tied to a plank, standing edge-wise, and compelled to lie on it until she promised to "pay the fees." This we know is only a comparatively mild torture exercised upon indigent delinquents.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The Transatlantic shipping rates have again been raised to their normal level by agreement between the Shipping Combine, and the other Atlantic and Canadian Companies.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS
The I.G.M. steamer *Prinz Eitel Friedrich* left Shanghai on Saturday at 3 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow at daylight.
The I.G.M. steamer *Boon*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 22nd ult., left Singapore on Saturday at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on Thursday, the 22nd inst. at daylight.
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 17th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. to-day.

The silk ex C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* arrived in New York on the 16th inst.
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HONGKONG BRANCH.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members and Associates of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will be held in the CITY HALL, TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 19th December, 1904, at 5.15 P.M. H. E. POLLOCK, Esq., K.C., in the Chair.

ARTHUR R. LOWE, Hon. Secretary.

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LAUNCH OF THE CRUISER "BLACK-PRINCE."

SPEECH BY LORD SALISBURY.

One of the latest type of first-class armoured cruisers, the *Black Prince*, took the water on 8th November from the works of the Thames Shipbuilding and Engineering Company (Limited), Cannon Town. The launching and christening of the ship were to be done by the Countess of Salisbury, wife of the First Lord of the Admiralty, who brought their eldest son, Viscount Wimborne, with them. Others present were Mr. Hills, Chairman of the Thames Shipbuilding Company, and Mrs. Hills, Lord Brassey, the Bishop of London, Admiral May, Controller of Navy Construction, Mr. Watts, Chief Naval Constructor, Sir W. H. White, Mr. W. J. Bull, M.P., Commander Crutchley, Secretary of the Navy League, Mr. McCrow, and others, some hundreds of invited guests being present. The religious ceremony prescribed for the launching of one of the King's ships of war was read by the Bishop of Exeter, assisted by Canon Pelley and Canon Buckley. Afterwards a delay took place while the last of the supports were got away.

Lady Salisbury then cut the cord which released a weight and knocked out the dog-shore. The Countess also swung a bottle, hung by a parti-coloured ribbon from the cruiser's stem, against the cutwater, smashing it, at the same time naming the vessel the *Black Prince*, and wishing her and her crew all good luck—a pretty ceremony gracefully performed. Almost at once the great man-of-war began to move towards the water, which she entered with noise of that great displacement seen at launches where there is a wide river.

In the island room afterwards Mr. Hills proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Salisbury, and expressed the hope that the officers and crew of his Majesty's ship *Black Prince* would always exhibit that spirit of chivalry for which the Prince was named after was famous, and never fire on an unarmed vessel or desert a sinking ship (cheers).

The Earl of Salisbury, replying for the Countess, said that they were indebted to the firm for having asked them to that ceremony. It was a great pride to Lady Salisbury to launch that vessel. He congratulated the Company on the smoothness and success of the launch, and on having worked so much into the ship before she took the water. He also congratulated Mr. Watts and Admiral May on the launch of another ship of that remarkable class. She was a great advance in armoured cruisers, and some of the uninitiated might say they did not know where the armoured cruiser ended and the battleship began. He wished the Company a prosperous year. There had been a gradual concentration of the shipbuilding trade in this country in certain centres, and it had been rather leaving than coming to the Thames. Personally, he should be very sorry if the day came that the Thames ceased to be a shipbuilding centre (hear, hear).

The *Black Prince* is a first-class armoured cruiser of the *Duke of Edinburgh* type, of which there are at present in all six under construction—two at the Royal Dockyard at Pembroke and the remaining four at the yards of private contractors. The following are the dimensions of the vessels of this class:—Length, 400ft. between perpendiculars; extreme beam, 72ft. 6in.; depth from outer bottom to upper deck, 40ft. 9in.; draught forward, 26ft. 6in.; aft, 27ft. 6in.; displacement, 13,660 tons. The i.h.p. of 23,500 is expected to give the ship a speed of over 23 knots.

The *Black Prince* has a complete armour-belt running from stem to stern, the thickness amidships at water-line being 6in., and tapering at forward end to 4in., and 3in. aft. The citadel, which is rectangular in shape, is protected by 8in. armour and carries ten 6in. guns. On the upper deck there are five 9.2in. guns in barbettes, protected by 6in. and 3in. armour, while forward, on the forecastle, is another 9.2in. gun, making six in all. The four most 9.2in. guns and the aftermost one are situated at the middle line, so that six are of fire of 313deg. can be obtained. The other four 9.2in. guns are placed at the sides of the vessel, and nearly over the ends of the citadel, and each of these commands a fire of 180deg. On the shelter-decks are 28 q.f. guns, and there are also two Maxims and two 12-pounder howitzers for boats and field use. The whole weight of armour is about 1,900 tons, exclusive of the protective deck.

The battery has a protective deck covering of 1in. steel, which is continued forward on the main deck. In addition, there is the sharp cambered protective deck 1in. thick at the water-line running right fore and aft. The 6in. guns are separated from each other by 2in. splinter bulkheads. The conning-tower is of 10in. steel provided with the usual armour tubes for carrying the leads of shafts, pipes, &c., from the shelter deck to within the armour protection. There are three 18in. torpedo-tubes, one on each side and one at the stern, all under water. One of the new features in the design is the placing of the shell rooms in the ammunition passages, close to the ammunition hoists, thus saving time in getting the shells to the guns. The 6in. ammunition hoists have electrical motors, while those to the 9.2in. guns are worked hydraulically. The vessel will be lighted with about 1,400 incandescent lamps. The double bottom is constructed to carry heavy oil and fitted with pumps, pipes, filters, &c., to enable the boilers to use oil as fuel if necessary. The coal bunkers can carry, if necessary, about 2,000 tons of coal.

The *Black Prince* was laid down in January, 1903, and she will be completed and commissioned for sea at present rate of progress in about January, 1906. This will be the first vessel for the Government that the firm have completed ready for commission, although they have always done so in the case of vessels for foreign navies.

The propelling machinery, which is being constructed at the company's engineering works at Greenwich and Deptford (formerly Messrs. John Penn and Sons), is to develop 23,500 i.h.p. and to consist of two sets of inverted four-cylinder triple expansion engines, working at a pressure of 205lb. in the high pressure side case.

The diameters of the cylinders will be:—High pressure, 43in.; intermediate, 39in.; 2 i.p. 77in.; with a stroke of 42in. The engines are balanced on the Yarrow Schlick and Twiss system, and arranged to run at a speed of 135 revolutions per minute. There are to be two separate and independent condensers to each set of engines, and two independent twin air pumps arranged to pump from both condensers. The boiler installation will consist of 20 Babcock and Wilcox boilers and six cylindrical boilers, working with closed stockholders and forced draught. The working pressure of all the boilers is to be 210lb. per square inch.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich George & Co. in their weekly share list, dated the 17th inst., state:—

Business during the week under review has been very quiet, tightness of money, the rise in the sterling exchange, and a weak market in Shanghai combining together to depress the market. The Sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 11-1/16d., while rates on Shanghai are unchanged. Barsilver in London is quoted 28-1/16d., and Consols 88-1/2.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai sold at 87-1/2, closing steady to firm at that rate; the London quotation is 87-1/2, 10s. 0d. Nations without business and unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions sold at 87-1/2 to 87-1/4, closing firm at latter rate. China Traders have been done at 85-1/2. North

China sold at 7-1/2, 9s. 0d. and 9-1/2, closing with sellers at 7-1/2, 9s. 0d. Yangtze changed hands at 15-1/2, while Cantons are in some little demand at 25-1/2.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong have been done at 85-1/2, and Chinas at 89-1/2, closing with further buyers.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Shares are weaker, and obtainable at 82-1/2 to 83-1/2. Indo-Chinas, in the early part of the week, in sympathy with higher quotations from the north, advanced to sales at 130 cash and end of the month, 134 for 31st March and 137 for 30th June, but following the weakening Shanghai market, from whence cash quotations are given to-day, ranging between 11s. 12 and 11s. 9, the local cash rate has dropped to 11s. 12, the London rate is 11s. 12, 3s. 0d. Chinas and Macao have sellers at 84 and buyers at 82-1/2. Douglas sold at 84 and 83-1/2, closing with sellers at the higher and buyers at the lower rate. Star Ferries unchanged. Shell Transporters have sellers at 25s. 0d.; the London quotation has dropped to 25s.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars weakened further, selling as low as 82-1/2; there are shares in the market at 82-1/2 cash; time business has been done at 82-1/2 to 82-1/4 for 30th April, 82-1/2 to 82-1/4 for 31st August, and 82-1/2 to 25s. for 30th September. Lanzas have reacted and are on offer at 81-1/2; the rumour about the American proposals does not seem to find any confirmation.

MINING SHARES.—Without business and unchanged.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's shares rose to sales at 217-1/2 cash and 218 for 31st December, but the market closes weaker with cash sellers at 217-1/2. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's shares found buyers at 11-1/2, and 11-1/4, but more shares are on offer at the latter figure. New Army Dock Shares can be got at 87-1/2. Farquhar had a further set back, owing principally to the very heavy December settlements in Shanghai, and the rate has gone down to 11s. 16-1/2; buyers, the general idea, however, seems to be that after the end of the month the market is bound to improve again. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are unchanged at 11s. 15 for old and 11s. 12-1/2 for new shares.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company's shares have been forced off at 84-1/2 for 31st December, but there are no sellers now under 148; sales at 152-1/2 for 31st March are also reported. Kowloon Lands have inquiries at 88-1/2. West Point are on offer at 85-1/2. Hongkong Hotels have been done at rising rates, up to 154-1/2 cash having been paid, but at that figure there are a few more shares on offer. Humphreys Estate and Finance Company's shares are for sale at 112-1/2 for old and 85 for new. Shanghai Lands are quoted 11s. 11-1/2.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong Cottons sold at rising rates, up to 13-1/2 having been paid, but at the close we hear of sales and sellers at 13-1/2. The Shanghai quotations are unchanged. The Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, will hold its 9th annual general meeting of shareholders on 23rd instant, transfer books closing from 18th to 23rd instant, and the International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited, will hold its 9th annual meeting of shareholders on 21st instant, transfer books closing from 7th to 21st instant.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneo Company's shares have been fixed at 13-1/2 to 13-1/4, closing with further buyers at the latter mentioned figure. China Providents sold at 89-1/2 and 89, closing with sellers at 89 and buyers at 89-1/2. Green Island Cement Company's shares sold at declining rates, down to 83-1/2 having been accepted, but at that rate more shares could be placed. Electric are wanted at 15 for old and 9 for new shares. Tramways have weakened to 82-1/2 sellers; Hongkong Steam Waterworks sold and are on offer at 20. Langkats, which paid a dividend of 1s. 5 per share on 15th inst., making 11s. 35 for the year ending 31st Oct. over last, have buyers in the north at 11s. 28-1/2. China Light and Powers are in the market at 81-1/2. Watkins are obtainable at 83-1/2. A. S. Watsons have sellers at 13 for old and 12-1/2 for new shares, after a sale of the new issue. Wm. Powells have advanced to buyers at 12-1/2. Ropes are wanted at 15-1/2.

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ELBE, German str., 2,033, Petersen, 18th Dec., Hongkong and Hoihow 17th Dec., General—Jensen & Co.

FOOCHOW, British str., 1,267, Smale, 18th Dec., Canton 17th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

HAITAN, British str., 1,183, Crowe, 18th Dec., Fochow 15th Dec., Amoy 16th, and Swatow 17th, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

HIGHLANDER, British str., 2,480, W. Dawson, 17th Dec., Moji 11th Dec., Coal—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.

HYSON, British str., 4,232, J. A. Davis, 17th Dec., Liverpool 5th Nov., General—Butterfield & Swire.

KASHING, British str., 1,143, S. W. Bickard, 18th Dec., Tientsin 5th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

KWANGTAN, Chinese str., 1,536, 18th Dec., Canton 17th Dec., General—Chingso.

LECHS, German gambot, 17th Dec., from Canton.

MAITA, British str., 3,900, R. A. Peters, 17th Dec., Singapore 11th Dec. and Bombay 30th Nov., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

MANICA, British str., 2,619, R. Leslie, 17th Dec., Shanghai 14th Dec., General—Order.

NEW ORLEANS, U.S. Cruiser, 8,437, Harter, 17th Dec., Chefoo 13th Dec.

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SIAM, British str., 1,225, Barus, 17th Dec., Langkat 6th and Singapore 8th Dec., General—Geo. McEwin.

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WOSANG, British str., 1,127, Makin, 18th Dec., Canton 17th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	CANDIA	Brit. str.	—	H. U. Kiteat, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	TOKIN	French str.	—	Schultz	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 27th inst., at 1 P.M.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Ger. str.	k. w.	E. Prehn	MELCHERS & CO.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
HAYRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	NEBENBANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ARERANI	Ger. str.	k. w.	Forst	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	C. PERU, LAIEZ	Ger. str.	k. w.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Porzelius	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Jan.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ARCADIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Forck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Feb.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Behrens	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Mar.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Luning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Mar.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	GISELA	Aus. str.	—	Damianovich	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst., P.M.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NINGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. Riley	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	Edmondson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th Jan.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 28th inst.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	CLAUDEDALE	Brit. str.	—	—	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 30th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	SENECA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 15th Jan.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th Jan.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON	PELEUS	Brit. str.	—	F. G. Purington	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 8th Jan., at Daylight.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	PERLADES	Brit. str.	1 m.	Wagner	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 26th inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CHINGTU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Howie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 27th inst.
MOJI & KOBE	TIENSHIN	Brit. str.	1 m.	S. Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 28th inst.
CHIEFOO	ANHUI	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	TAKSANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Baker	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	Today, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	POOCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	WOOSUNG	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	LOONGMOON	Ger. str.	—	—	SHERMAN & CO.	On 21st inst., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	CHOYSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIGO & YOKOHAMA	ROON	Ger. str.	—	—	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 24th inst., P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHINA	Aus. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 31st inst.
SHANGHAI	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
TAMSU, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	M. STREVE	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at Daylight.
TAMSU, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FEITHOF	Jap. str.	1 m.	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Daylight.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	PROVIDENCE	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	DOUGLAS LAPIRAIK & CO.	To-morrow, at 9 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 24th inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 28th inst.
MANILA	DEMON	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 31st inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
CEBU & ILOILO	SUNSHINE	Brit. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 21st inst., at 3 P.M.
JAVA PORTS	TUPARAS	Dut. str.	—	—	DAVID SARSON & CO.	On 3rd Jan., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	ARRATON ATCAR	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	—		

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight.
SENEGAMBIA	HAYRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 21st Dec.	Freight.
ARERANI	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 1st Jan.	Freight.
Capt. Forst	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 10th Jan.	Freight.
Capt. von Hoff	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 22nd Jan.	Freight.
AMBRIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 27th Jan.	Freight.
Capt. Porzelius	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 7th Feb.	Freight.
SITHONIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 21st Feb.	Freight.
Capt. Hildebrandt	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 7th Mar.	Freight & Passage.
ARCADIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 21st Mar.	Freight.
Capt. Behrens	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 21st Mar.	Freight.
SAMBIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 21st Mar.	Freight.
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STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila.	Sat. 24th Dec., 10 A.M.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1904. [16]

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Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Purington	Friday, December 23rd
TREMONT	9,606	T. W. Garlick	January 10th
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PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Purington	March 4th

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S.S. "SIKH" ... Captain J. Rowley
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For Freight, apply to

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AGENTS.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1904. [2030]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and AMSTERDAM VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	CANDIA ... H. E. Kiteat, R.N.R.	About 21st December	Freight only.
MOJI and KOBE	TIENSHIN ... C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R.	About 22nd December	Freight only.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	JAVA ... S. Barcham	About 27th December	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	BENGAL ... G. Phillips	Noon, 31st December	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	COROMANDEL ... G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	About 31st December	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1904. [1]

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FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"SOBRALENSE"	On 19th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 27th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PRIAM"	On 4th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"WRAYCASTLE"	On 5th January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 20th December.
GENOA, MILES, HAYRE and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	On 22nd December.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HYON"	On 17th January.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"HECTOR"	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PRIAM"	On 31st January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PELEUS"	On 28th December.

For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 19th December.
SHANGHAI	"FOOCHOW"	On 19th December.
CHEFOO	"ANHUI"	On 20th December.
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	On 20th December.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 20th December.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 26th December.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1904.

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION—

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 21st December
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY 21st December
ROON	WEDNESDAY 18th January
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 1st February
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 15th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 1st March
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 29th March
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH," Captain E. Prohn, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 19th December. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 20th December, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 20th December.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHIP VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA FOR PORTLAND, OREGON

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STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	January 9th, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brahmer	January 25th, 1905.
"ARABIA"	4,483	Bahle	February 20th, 1905.
"ARAGONIA"	5,198	Schuldt	March 12th, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"TAKSANG"	Mon., 19th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Wednes., 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tues., 3rd Jan., 3 P.M.

* These steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"TRIUMPH"	WEDNESDAY, 21st Dec., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"SERVUS"	SUNDAY, 25th Dec., at Daylight.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"PROVIDENCE"	WEDNESDAY, 28th Dec., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"PRITHVI"	SUNDAY, 1st Jan., at Daylight.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8 Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1904. T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS.	JAPAN	First half of January	JAVA PORTS	Second half of January
TJILANAP.	JAVA	First half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of January
TJIMAH.	JAPAN	Second half of December	JAVA PORTS	Second half of December

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

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HEAD AGENCY OF THE

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1904.

Telephone No. 375.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
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STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"BENGAL"

Captain G. Phillips, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on SATURDAY, the 31st December, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Victoria," 6522 tons, from Colombo.

Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement), will be transhipped direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Oriental," due in London on the 12th February, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1904.

FOR CANTON.

THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer

"SAN CHEUNG"

951 Tons, Captain J. McGuffey, will leave for Canton at 9 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS and return to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office.

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No. 147, Connaught Road Central.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1904.

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For Further Particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"TIENTSIN"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1904.

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are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 14th instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 19th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1904. [10-11]

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

AGINCOURT, British str., 2,876, H. T. Worsnop, Hainan Island 1st Oct.—Gilmann & Co.

ANGHIN, German str., 1,001, F. J. Schaefer, 15th Dec.—Bangkok 7th Dec. Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

ARRATON APCAR, British str., 2,231, E. Fey, 13th Dec.—Calcutta and Singapore 7th Dec. General.—David Sasson & Co.

BELGIAN KING, British str., 2,353, J. Haydon, 2nd Dec.—Moji 28th Nov. Coal.—Bradley & Co.

CALCHAS, British str., 4,278, W. T. Hannah, 13th Dec.—Vladivostok via Japan 2nd Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.

DEVAYOZSEZ, German str., 1,057, Gorken, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 7th Dec. Rice.—Norddeutscher Lloyd.

DON OLA, British str., 2,820, M. N. English, 15th Dec.—New York 16th Sept. Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

ELAX, British str., 2,612, E. S. Baker, 12th Dec.—Aroe Bay 1st Oct. Bulk Oil.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

GOLDMOUTH, British str., 4,863, Starkey, 1st Dec.—Batoum 25th October. Oil.—Dodwell & Co.

HALAHAN, Dutch str., 385, J. Steendam, 6th Dec.—Fochoow 2nd Dec. Ballast.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

GLIMMOL, British str., 3,433, Larking, 15th Dec.—Straits 9th Dec. General.—Chin-se.

HOLSTEN, German str., 985, John Chr. Hansen, 14th Dec.—Moji 8th Dec. Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

HUE, French str., 705, Godinau, 27th Nov.—Haiphong and Ports 29th Nov. General.—A. R. Marty.

INDRAVELLI, British str., 3,125, S. Cullington, 28th Nov.—Shanghai 24th Nov.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

INKULA, British str., 3,316, E. Dean, 13th Dec.—Malta 4th November.—Order.

JOHANN, German str., 952, Iphad, 16th Dec.—Bangkok 8th Dec. Rice.—Jensen & Co.

LAERTES, British str., 1,311, J. B. Jackson, 15th December.—Saigon 10th December. Rice and Sundries.—Chin-se.

MAGALLANES, American str., 833, Adolfo Yezabal, 9th Dec.—Manila 6th December. Timber.—Captain.

MEDAN, German str., 764, O. Stolberg, 30th November.—South Sea Islands (Yap) 23rd Sept. Cobra and Beche-de-mar.—Siemssen & Co.

ONDA, British str., 3,409, Robertson, 12th Dec.—Karata 7th December. Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

OPLAND, Norwegian str., 844, Th. W. Schlytter, 4th Dec.—Newchwang 26th Nov. Beans.—M. B. Kaisha.

SEALDA, British str., 3,438, Geo. Brown, 29th November.—Moji 23rd November. Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SHEILA, British str., 2,237, J. White, 13th December.—Westport via Newcastle 10th November. Coal.—Admiralty.

SCOTSMAN, British str., 1,064, E. A. Mackenzie, 16th Dec.—Moji 10th Dec. Coal.—Chinese.

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STANLEY DOLLAR, British str., 1,857, J. Bruce, 5th Dec.—San Francisco 31st Oct. Flour.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

TAMING, British str., 1,350, Pennofather, 16th Dec.—Manila 13th Dec. General.—Rutt-rild & Swire.

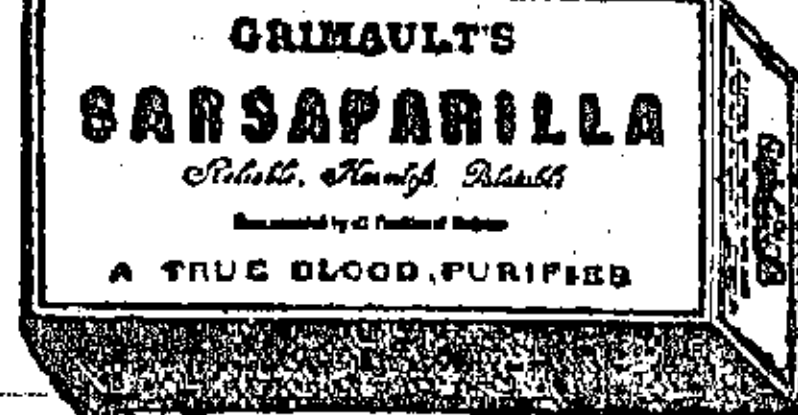
TETARTOS, German str., 1,578, F. Decker, 14th Dec.—Kutchinotzu 9th Dec. Coal.—Siemssen & Co.

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